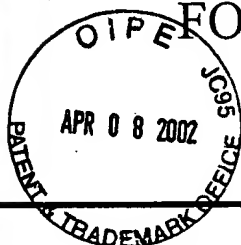


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In reply to the Office Action, Paper No. 23, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 7, 2002, for which the period of response is set to expire on May 7, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and Response.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows, without prejudice. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, attached to the end of this Amendment is a marked up version of the amended items showing all changes relative to the previous version.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Six times amended) A sample vial for use in an automated test apparatus, the sample vial comprising:

a body comprising an outer surface, an open end, a closed end, and at least one anti-rotation lug about said body outer surface, the anti-rotation lug comprising a generally flat, longitudinally disposed surface extending radially outwardly from said body outer surface, the longitudinally disposed surface comprising a lowermost edge that is substantially perpendicular to said body

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